

REMARKS

Response to Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to by the Examiner because the Abstract exceeds 150 words. Applicants have amended the Abstract to reduce the number of words below 150 words.

Response to Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 58-62 were rejected to by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. These claims have been cancelled so this rejection is moot.

Response to Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 58, 59, 61 and 62 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Burbank et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,928,164) in view of Tihon et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,415,656). Claim 60 was rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Burbank et al. ('164) and Tihon et al. ('656) as applied to claim 58 above, and further in view of Klicek (U.S. Pat. No. 5,221,281). These claims have been cancelled so these rejections are moot.


Response to Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 28-30, 32, 33, 35-38, 40-47, 48-54, 56, 57 and 63.

Conclusion

All of the pending claims have been allowed. Applicants request a Notice of Allowance.

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